

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**At page 2, please replace the first complete paragraph with the following amended paragraph:**

As a process for producing fine particles of metal oxides, various processes are known. For example, as a process for producing fine particles by a chemical vapor deposition method, a process of using a metal halide and an oxidizing gas is known (for example, referred to ~~JP-B-1033945~~JP-C-1033945), but has a problem in that a halide is produced and the resulting fine particles are contaminated by the halide and thereby the properties of the fine particles are deteriorated.